GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3261 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH AUGUST, 2022

NEET CUT OFF MARKS

3261 SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NEET cut-off is as low as 20 percent of the maximum score which makes around 800,000 students eligible for admissions into medical colleges while there are only 83000 seats available in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this has led to high fees in medical colleges allowing only the economically stronger students to get admissions;
- (c) if so, the details of the average yearly fees of private medical colleges since 2010; and
- (d) whether there is also disparity amongst States/ UTs in the distribution of medical seats with Jharkhand having only 0.49 percent of total seats available as opposed to 1.56 percent in Chhattisgarh, despite having more share of the population, if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (d): As per information provided by National Testing Agency (NTA), the qualifying criteria for NEET-UG is 50th percentile for General/ EWS category, 45th percentile for General/ EWS with PwD and 40th percentile for rest other categories. A total of 15,44,275 candidates appeared in NEET-UG, 2021 out of which 8,70,074 candidates qualified, based on qualifying criteria.

The matter regarding fixation of fee for medical courses comes under the purview of respective State Fee Regulatory Committee. Section 10 of National Medical Commission Act, 2019 provides for framing of guidelines for determination of fees and all other charges in respect of fifty percent of seats in private medical institutions and deemed to be universities which are governed under the provisions of the Act. Accordingly, National Medical Commission has framed the guidelines and the same was issued on 03.02.2022.

The Government has taken a number of steps to increase the number of MBBS seats in the country. As a result of which the number of UG seats have increased from 51,348 before 2014 to 91927 seats as on date which is an increase of 79%. Total State wise details of MBBS seats available in the country is at Annexure.

Annexure

The State/UT-wise list of MBBS colleges under Government & Private (including AIIMS & JIPMER) in the Country			
SI. No.	Name of the State/ UT	Total Colleges	Total Seats
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	100
2.	Andhra Pradesh	31	5335
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	50
4.	Assam	9	1150
5.	Bihar	20	2415
6.	Chandigarh	1	150
7.	Chhattisgarh	12	1565
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1	150
9.	Delhi	10	1497
10.	Goa	1	180
11.	Gujarat	31	5700
12.	Haryana	12	1660
13.	Himachal Pradesh	8	920
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	10	1147
15.	Jharkhand	9	930
16.	Karnataka	63	10145
17.	Kerala	31	4255
18.	Madhya Pradesh	25	4080
19.	Maharashtra	62	9895
20.	Manipur	3	375
21.	Meghalaya	1	50
22.	Mizoram	1	100
23.	Orissa	13	2125
24.	Puducherry	9	1630
25.	Punjab	12	1750
26.	Rajasthan	26	4005
27.	Sikkim	1	150
28.	Tamil Nadu	70	10725
29.	Telangana	34	5040
30.	Tripura	2	225
31.	Uttar Pradesh	67	9053
32.	Uttarakhand	8	1150
33.	West Bengal	27	4225
